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Bracken County announces 2015 Governor's Scholars Nominees



Pictured left to right: Principal Dennis Maines, Tori Collins, Jonny Myers, Gracie Kurtz, and Superintendent Jeff Aulick.

Bracken County High School staff wishes to congratulate Tori Collins, Gracie Kurtz, and Jonny Myers for being selected as Governor's Scholars nominees for 2015. The applications of these students will be reviewed in Frankfort against those of students from across the state of Kentucky to determine who will be selected

to participate in the Governor's Scholars Program for summer 2015.

Participation in this program is reserved for the best and brightest students in Kentucky who have just completed their junior year of high school. Those selected will spend five weeks at Bellarmine University, Morehead State University, or Murray State University

studying a topic of personal interest.

Victoria Collins is the daughter of Charity Ward. Her future plans include attending Northern Kentucky University to study business & fashion design.

Gracie Kurtz is the daughter of Rick and Melinda Kurtz. Her future plans include attending Eastern Kentucky University to ob-

tain a degree in pre-physical therapy and then attend UK to earn her graduate degree.

Jonathan Myers is the son of David and Cheri Myers. His future plans include attending Northern Kentucky University.

The faculty and staff of BCHS congratulate these outstanding young people.

Photo submitted

Kentucky Weekly Gas Price Update and Outlook

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 12.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.11/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has fallen 9.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.28/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices yesterday were 120.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 65.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 50.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 100.5 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The dramatic decline at the pump continues to reap significant savings for the motoring public- over \$525 million less spent every day versus this past summer, or \$375 million less than the same time last year," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. "The slump in crude oil has wavered slightly and we're in the fourth quarter of the game. However, there is still a chance that crude prices resume their slump again, and carry the pump plunge into overtime," DeHaan said.

Gas prices have fallen \$1.85/gal in Michigan since June 28, the largest drop in the nation. Following close behind: Kentucky, down \$1.66/gal, Indiana, down \$1.62/gal, Ohio, down \$1.61/gal, and Illinois, down \$1.60/gal over the same time frame. More statistics can be found at media.gasbuddy.com.

Bracken Historical Society displays Memorial Trees on courthouse lawn



The Bracken County Historical Society had a busy 2014 holiday season. In addition to their Christmas Raffle and Silent Night auction, they sold Memorial Christmas Trees for \$75 that were put on display throughout the month of December in both the communities of Brooksville and Augusta.

They thought since during the holidays we remember the ones that have gone before us, the purchase of the memorial trees would be a beautiful way for our loved ones to be remembered by not only us, but by all members of the community who come to see the display. Donors were able to choose in which community their family's memorial tree was displayed and the text written on the memorial sign. Each tree was then decorated with a beautiful bow and remained lit throughout the holiday season as a burning symbol of remembrance of those loved ones no longer with us.

Memorial trees shown on display on the courthouse lawn in Brooksville, from left to right: In memory of Dr. CF Haley Family and Fred & Rose Haley Lawson by the Bracken County Historical Society; In memory of Jo Ann Edie by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Edie; In memory of Major William B. Wallin USAF, Yvette B. Wallin, Jim Boney, and Ronnie Honan by Wallin Farms, Ann Honan, Carol Boney, and Julie & Gary Riggs; In memory of Ottie Case US Army, William Porter Dennis US Army, Sherman & Myrtle Shepherd, Delores Shepherd Carl, and William & Mary Dennis by Roberta Shepherd; In memory of Austin & Rebecca Brooks, John & Ethyl Brooks, Asbury & Christine Brooks, and Mary Rebecca Brooks by John H. Brooks; and In memory of Dr. John A. Lenox USAF by Pat Lenox.

The Year In Review 2014

The Bracken County News is featuring their "Year In Review" in this issue, proudly sponsored by several of our local advertisers. Feature stories from each week of 2014 are highlighted in the "Year In Review". Take a moment to remember the many events our county has experienced this past year. (Begins on Page 4)

Hoodies for donors at Clopay Blood Drive

Post-holiday blues can happen in early January. Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is offering a way to prevent them this winter. By donating blood, donors will save a life, warm their hearts and get a grey hooded sweatshirt to keep them comfy during the long winter weeks ahead.

Bracken donors can help restock the shelves after the holidays at the Clopay Blood Drive on Wed., January 7 from 2-7 p.m. on the KBC Bloodmobile located at 531 East Fourth St. in Augusta

To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

St. Augustine Christmas raffle winners named

Monsignor Dominic Fosu and the St. Augustine Parish appreciate all who helped to make this year's St. Augustine Church's 2014 Christmas raffle a success.

The winners were: \$5,000 - Town and Country Veterinary; \$1,000 - William Ryan; \$500 - Brandon Tarvin; and \$250 - Charles Marquardt.

Caregivers, make time this year for yourselves

Submitted by: Shannon Smith, CEA for Family and Consumer Sciences

A new year always brings its share of resolutions aimed to improve our health, body and mind. As a caregiver, the most important resolution you can make is to take time for yourself. When you take care of yourself, you will be healthier, have more energy and enthusiasm to keep on caregiving and feel better about yourself overall.

Here are some tips on how to carve out some "me" time in the next year.

- Take an hour of each day to do things you enjoy like exercising, reading, spending time with loved ones, engaging in a hobby or doing nothing.
- Make your own health a priority. Exercise, eat a balanced diet, get enough sleep, balance stress and receive an annual medical checkup.
- Attend a caregiver support group.
- Adapt, as needed, the things you used to do with the person you are now caring for. Ideas include renting a movie instead of viewing a live theatrical performance, holding hands and listening to music instead of dancing, and looking at photos if traveling is no longer possible.
- Be strong, smart and brave enough to ask for help.
- Tell your loved one how much they mean to you.
- Use respite services to take a break from the demands of caregiving.
- Find the joy in caregiving by relishing the small things like a hug, knowing smile or shared laugh with your loved one.

More caregiving resources are available at the Bracken County Cooperative Extension office. The office is located at 1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville, 606-735-2141.

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Courthouse News

DISTRICT COURT

Heard on Tues., December 23, 2014 by District Court Judge Frank H. McCartney.

Colemire, Justin, (1) illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey, continued to 1/13.

Davidson, Oliver, diversion completion, dismissed per diversion.

Duzan, Tyler C., (1) no license, summons issued for 1/6.

Flaugher, John T., (1a) DUI, aggravator, 2nd offense; (2) careless driving, continued to 1/13.

Hall, Jr., Jeffrey L., (1) assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury, \$653 surety bond issued, continued to 12/30.

Hughes, Francis William, (1) speeding, 5 m.p.h. over the limit, failed to appear, DOT notified.

Hunter, Ian, (1) local county ordinance; (2) local county ordinance; (3) local county ordinance; (4) local county ordinance, continued to 1/13.

Lawson, Lisa, (1) local county ordinance; (2) local county ordinance; (3) local county ordinance; (4) local county ordinance, continued to 1/13.

Norris, Richard Allen, supervised probation extended additional 6 months, to be released 12/23/14 after service

of 10 days with c.t.s.

Self, Stephen Albert, other hearing, owes \$55, motion denied.

Wells, Jr., Larry Dean, review, motion to be filed.

Carpenter, Quinton S., show cause, deferred/installment payment, owes \$558, continued to 12/30.

Conner, Edward J., show cause, deferred/installment payment, owes \$153, bench warrant and \$153 bond issued.

Henson, Zachary T., show cause, deferred/installment payment, owes \$793, bench warrant and \$793 bond issued.

Linville, James H., show cause, deferred/installment payment, owes \$533, bench warrant and \$533 bond issued.

Turner, Melissa Fay, contempt hearing, owes \$373, continued to 3/24.

Taylor, Jerrod Robert, (1) disregarding a stop sign; (2) failure to or improper stop; (3) failure to wear seat belts; (4) controlled substance prescription not in original container, 1st offense; (5) 1st degree possession of controlled substance, drug unspecified, 1st offense; (6) possession of controlled substance, 2nd degree, drug unspecified; (7) failure to produce insurance card, continued to 12/30.

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House Democrats unveil progressive agenda for 2015 legislative session

Less than 24 hours after Kentucky's voters maintained the 54-46 Democratic majority in the Kentucky House of Representatives, the chamber's leaders offered a far-reaching agenda for the 2015 legislative session.

"We want to thank the voters for their support and for giving us the opportunity to move ahead with those ideas that are important to them and that help all Kentucky families succeed," House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said this afternoon. "Our Democratic caucus has made an effort in recent years to distance itself from the policies and gridlock we have seen coming from Washington, and the voters rallied behind that. We are not like Washington, we don't intend to be like Washington, and we don't care for what is going on in Washington. We believe that we can disagree without being disagreeable, and our agenda reflects that."

"Our message resonated with the people of Kentucky and proved the House Democratic Caucus is doing something right," House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said. "We are committed to continuing our agenda to create a strong economy that will produce good jobs, improve public education, expand tourism and development initiatives and develop innovative energy solutions."

Speaker Stumbo said a top priority for the House will be to continue working with Governor Beshear to manage state government as Kentucky continues to emerge from the country's worst recession since the Great Depression.

House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Louisville, said that helping Kentucky's working families "guides

all that we do. That's why we don't pursue those policies that seek to divide us. Instead we have worked tirelessly to provide the legislative tools needed to create and sustain good-paying jobs in our existing and developing industries."

Speaker Stumbo said other agenda items would include boosting the state's minimum wage, which has not been raised in more than five years, and ensuring gender equity in the workforce.

House Majority Whip Tommy Thompson, D-Philpot, noted that the House "has made economic development a central role in our vision for Kentucky. That includes investments in workforce training; the local-option sales tax initiative, known as LIFT, which would let local communities have a choice in determining their future by funding major projects themselves; and public-private partnerships, which will bring businesses and government closer together to accomplish a public goal. The people can see we have been focused on growing good-paying jobs, and we will continue pursuing those in 2015 and beyond."

House Majority Caucus Chair Sannie Overly, D-Paris, said the House would also continue to work on those social issues that have a major impact on Kentuckians. That includes "finding a comprehensive solution to the heroin epidemic and making sure we tackle this issue much as we did prescription-drug abuse."

She said another priority will be to extend domestic violence orders and emergency protective orders to victims in dating situations. "We are the only state not to offer some level of civil protection in these cases," she said. "That puts an especially unfair burden on some of our youngest women who have no way of obtaining a DVO."

The leaders added that the House would also put its support behind a constitutional amendment that would give voters a chance to bring Kentucky in line with most other states that allow most felons to vote after completing all aspects of their sentence.

"We have an ambitious agenda, but I'm more convinced than ever that we can enact it and other needed laws," Speaker Stumbo said. "The election season is over; now, it's time to get to work."

The 2015 Regular Session is set to begin January 6th, and will last for 30 working days, concluding in late March.

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December 31, 1964

Some 50 relatives and friends attended the Golden Wedding anniversary celebration held Sunday, Dec. 20, for Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Grigson of Berlin.

Crystal Free, 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Free, of Brooksville, suffered first and second degree burns on her back and right leg Monday evening when a pot of boiling coffee spilled onto her.

Miss Betty Hause, a senior at BCHS, is expected to enter Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington this coming Saturday and undergo surgery on her right eye for the removal of a cataract.

BIRTHS: Kevin Eugene Bravard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bravard; Christy Lou Habermehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Habermehl.

DEATHS: Mr. Edward Wagoner; Mr. Emerson Fannin; Mr. Herbert N. Bradley; Mrs. Nellie Johnson Burns; Mr. Albert Gillespie.

30 years ago

January 3, 1985

State Trooper Kenneth Jones spent Christmas Eve playing Santa to ten families in Bracken County through the generous donations of toys, candy and food from individuals' donations to the Post 6 district of the Kentucky State Police.

John J. Schweitzer was

honored Friday evening with a retirement dinner at the "Ole Country Inn" in Germantown. The occasion marked his retirement after 28 years as a mail carrier out of the Augusta Post Office.

John E. Staton, a native of Brooksville, retired August 3, 1984 after more than 33 years of employment with the state of California. John was a senior Architect in the office of the State Architect's Consultant Service Section.

DEATHS: Mr. James William Bruin.

10 years ago

January 6, 2005

Keith Bruin of Wagon Road enjoyed the Christmas holidays with his sister and brother in law, Sherry and Fred Sticklen and nephew, Jack, in Hawaii.

Bracken Co. was visited by the Grinch this Christmas. A stable, made for the children's program at Berlin Baptist Church was stolen from the home of Teri and Kevin Barnes in Foster, only hours before the program was to start on Sunday Dec. 19.

Bracken County used a strong fourth quarter to beat Louisville Collegiate 53-38 and win the First Annual Bracken County Holiday Tournament.

DEATHS: Mr. William A. "Fig" Henson, Jr.; Mrs. Janet Adelia Taylor Tackett; Mr. Donald Ray Kersey.

Looking Back
Tabitha's Tidbits
Compiled by
The Bracken County Historical Society

From *The Bracken Chronicle* January 1, 1948

Once again we greet the New Year in the traditional manner ---- with pealing bells, with fun and gaiety, laughter and music.

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Hayswood grants announced

Twenty-two area non-profit organizations will share in awards totaling \$255,000 from Hayswood Foundation's 2014 grant program. Selections were made from applications submitted earlier in the year. This year's recipients are:

Aberdeen Concerned Citizens, Inc., Aberdeen, to assist with the cost of upgrading facilities at the riverside community park; **Bracken County Historical Society**, Brooksville, to assist with the cost of signage, equipment, and displays; Buffalo Trace Children's Advocacy Center, Maysville, to assist with office, printing, facilities maintenance and upgrade expenses; **CASA Program for Bracken, Fleming, and Mason Counties**, Maysville, to assist with volunteer training, operations, and administrative expenses; Kentucky Gateway Museum Center, Maysville, to assist with the

cost of the Community Read Project, Museum Scouts program, exhibits, and transportation grants; Licking Valley College Development Corporation, Maysville, to assist high school students with the cost of taking college courses; Licking Valley Resource, Conservation, and Development Council, Maysville, to assist with expenses of the Tri-County Farm Safety Day; Limestone Family YMCA, Maysville, to assist with the cost of subsidized memberships, charitable group expenses, and computer replacement costs; Limestone Ministries, Maysville, to assist with program, salary, and moving expenses; Little Hands Learning Center, Maysville, to assist with the cost of classroom equipment; Mason County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Maysville, to assist with the cost of the Financial Assistance Fund for relief to

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families and individuals; The Mason County Interagency Council, Maysville, to assist with expenses for the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP); Maysville Initiatives, Maysville, to assist with Camp Discovery expenses; The Maysville/Mason County Arts Commission, Maysville, to assist with the costs of programs for area school children; The Maysville Players, Maysville, to assist with salary expenses; Nativity Montessori School, Maysville, to assist with the costs of classroom materials and equipment; Ohio River Valley Artists Guild, Washington, to assist with expenses for youth programs, facilities relocation, and program expansion; **St. Augustine School, Augusta**, to assist with the cost of window replacement; Tom Browning Boys & Girls Club, Maysville, to assist with program, grounds maintenance, and equipment purchase expenses; St. Michael's School, Ripley, to assist with the cost of replacing windows and carpet; St. Patrick's School, Maysville, to assist with the cost of purchasing an additional school bus; and The Women's Crisis Center, Maysville, to assist with the cost of Green Dot Program training in high schools and local communities.

Since its inception, the Foundation's grant program has distributed approximately \$7.75 million for education and health related projects in its service area of Mason, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, and Robertson Counties in Kentucky, and Adams and Brown Counties in Ohio.

Applications for the next grant cycle will be available in June of 2015. Forms will be available at that time on the Foundation's web site, www.hayswood.org, and also at the Foundation's Maysville office in Suite 3A of the Browning Medical Building, 1 West McDonald Parkway. Information about the application process can be found on the web site.

Deaths

MR. WAGONER

Gregory Scott Wagoner, 48, of Mt. Olivet, died Wednesday, December 24, 2014, at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. Born in Harrison County, September 27, 1966, to Houston Wagoner of Mt. Olivet and the late Marie Edgington Wagoner, he was a Hinkle Construction employee.

Besides his father, he is survived by his wife, Tina Sowder Wagoner; one stepson, Jason (Liz) White, Mt. Olivet; one stepdaughter, Jenna White, Mt. Olivet; two brothers, John (Vicky) Wagoner, Mt. Olivet and Mark (Lisa) Wagoner, Cynthia; one sister, Susie (Anthony Moore) Wagoner, Mt. Olivet; and one grandson, Kendal White. Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Elizabeth Shufflebarger Wagoner.

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 27, 2014, at the Robertson County Funeral Home by Bro. Dee Whitaker.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Robertson County Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

View and sign the guestbook at www.robertsoncountyfuneralhome.net.

MRS. CLARK

Joanne Clark, 53, of Germantown, died Monday, December 22, 2014 at Kenton Pointe Care Center. She was born January 12, 1961 to the late Ira Gene Schooler and Betty Deaton of Erlanger, KY.

She is survived by her husband, Charles F. Clark of Germantown; one son, Jason White of Foster; one daughter, Chasity Teegarden, of Augusta; one brother, Stanley Rogers; and one sister, Sissy Bay. She was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Mullins.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Condolences may be sent to mooreandparkerfh.com.

Santa visits with children at First National Bank



Santa visited with children at the First National bank in Brooksville on Saturday, December 20, 2014. Shown with Santa is Nevaeh Hesler (age 3), daughter of Kasey Taylor.

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Thoughts and Meditations from the Scriptures

LOVE IS EVERYTHING

It is easy to be cynical about love. Who hasn't had the experience of thinking they were in love only to discover that their beloved wasn't really who they thought she was? And, who hasn't been deeply hurt or betrayed by someone who they thought loved them? Add to this the daily onslaught of news showing us man's inhumanity to man, and it's easy to see why some people take a dim view of our capacity to love each other. But, love is our first and last hope. We come into this world needing the love and care of our parents, and we hope and pray that we will leave this earth in the tender love and care of those around us, hoping also to be delivered into the loving hands of a merciful God. There is much to be cynical about; man's greed and selfishness is too deep and ingrained to ignore. But deeper than selfishness is our yearning and need for love. And here we need not be disappointed. The capacity to love is strong and expansive in most of us, though it sometimes needs to be reawakened. We should reflect on how we can be more loving in our daily life. And tend to our relationships as we would a delicate plant, and do our utmost to love everyone we come into contact with. It's a flame that spreads mightily. — *Christopher Simon*

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:8

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January 2 **January 9**

County Clerk opens new main office down the hall in old courthouse
After months of shuffling offices around in the old Courthouse, all offices are now in their new locations. Bracken County Clerk Rae Jean Poe was the last office renovated and moved. She officially opened for business on Friday, December 20th in the suite that made up the former Bracken County PVA and Sheriff's Offices. With the move complete, all business will be conducted in her new main office.

Gillespie memorabilia to live on at Augusta Independent School
Kenneth Gillespie was a charter member of the Augusta Alumni Association and was very visible at the annual meetings. Mr. Gillespie was a 1938 graduate of Augusta High School and a lifelong Panther. His love for the school and town was very evident any time you talked with him. His son, Dean Thomas Gillespie, talked about how his father loved Augusta and got back this way as often as possible.



As we pop open a brand-new year, we'd like to express our thanks and cheer for the many friends and customers like you who have helped make our dreams come true.

Thanks and best wishes for a joyous year!

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January 16
Jeffersons honored as "Citizens of the Year" at Chamber dinner
The Bracken County Chamber of Commerce honored Bracken County natives, Tommy and Caroline Jefferson, as "Citizens of the Year" at their January 8, 2014 meeting. The Jeffersons were honored for their continued hard work as the Solid Waste Management Coordinators for the county and their tireless efforts to clean up the roadsides and dump areas in the county.

February 13
Royalty crowned at BCHS Homecoming
Homecoming ceremonies were held Friday, February 7th at the Bracken County High School during the game against the Harrison County Thorobreds.

Crowned were King and Queen, David Colemire and Katie Pulliam. Crowned Prince and Princess were Cooper Engnes and Allison Conley.

RAK Kids support Children's Hospital with Valentine's project
This year, a special group of students known as the RAK Kids (Random Acts of Kindness Kids) narrowed their focus by partnering with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The RAK Kids wanted to support this great hospital by providing money for games, books, toys, etc. that would lift the spirits of the patients as they received the best healthcare available.

February 20
Snow still causing delays for schools
Area schools seem to be losing the battle with 'old man winter' this year. After Monday's temperatures rising into the high 30's, parents and students woke Tuesday morning, February 18th, to a one hour delay. As leftover snow began to melt throughout the day on Monday, high winds began to cause icing problems as the sun went down and temperatures dipped to below 32 degrees. School superintendents in local area schools decided it would be best to delay school an hour than risk students and buses being on the roads before dawn.

January 23
Bell, Gilbert awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic scholarships
Mallory Bell and Alicia Gilbert, seniors at Bracken County High School, have been awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Scholarships by Blue Grass Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Farmer sentenced to 27 months for Misappropriating Funds
Former Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Richard Dwight Farmer, Jr., was sentenced January 14, 2014 to 27 months in federal prison and one year supervised release for misappropriating public resources during his tenure in office.

January 30
Augusta's Gibson awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic scholarship
Leah Gibson, a student at Augusta Independent Schools, has been awarded the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Scholarship by Blue Grass Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

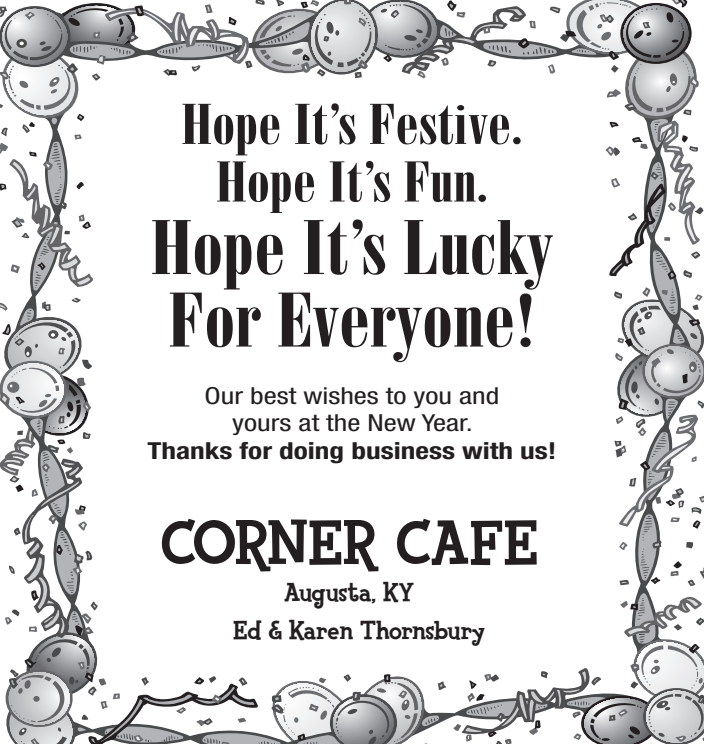
Farming accident claims life of former 4-H agent Tom Stephenson
Bracken County was saddened at the death of former 4-H Extension Agent, Tom Stephenson, on Wednesday, January 22, 2013. Stephenson, 74, was apparently knocked down and attacked by a bull he was delivering to the Mason County farm of David Emmons.

February 6
Icy conditions adding to travel problems along Ohio River
Skip Miller, spokesperson with the Ferry Authority, reported that on Wednesday morning, January 29th, the Augusta Ferry found itself frozen solid in ice on the bank of the Ohio River. The day before the ice had been drifting down the river with the current, however on Wednesday it was frozen in place. The ice was approximately 1-1/2 to 2 inches thick and took around an hour to break the Ferry loose. Once the Ferry was able to break free, it created a path it would follow the rest of the day across the river to the Ohio side landing.

Bracken County Freshmen Girls' claim 39th District Championship
Congratulations to the Bracken County Freshmen Girls' team for being the 39th District Tournament Champs. Bracken County Lady Bears beat the Mason County Lady Royals by a score of 47-36 on Saturday, February 1 at the Mason County Fieldhouse.

February 27
Royalty crowned at AHS Homecoming
Homecoming ceremonies were held Saturday, February 22 at the Augusta High School. The Varsity Panthers beat the Varsity Paris Greyhounds 76-75 in overtime.

Crowned between the JV and Varsity game were King and Queen, Dustin Freeman and Olivia Wiseman. Crowned Prince and Princess were Austin Whiteman and Paige McCord.



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February 25th, 66-34. Once the Lady Bears took the lead, they did not look back and easily overtook the Lady Royals, 68-51 to claim the 39th District Championship.

Panthers defeat Polar Bears in 39th District Championship
Once again Augusta's championship opponent would be the Bracken County Polar Bears. In the 4th quarter he'd (Connor Maddox) hit 3 more for a total of 8 to lead the Panthers to their 2nd straight 39th district title, 71-60.

March 13
Panthers win one, lose one in Regional play
The Augusta Panthers post-season run continued on Friday night, March 7th, at the Mason County Fieldhouse against the 38th district runner-up, the Robertson County Black Devils.

RAK Kids donate \$540 to Children's Hospital
The Taylor Elementary RAK Kids (Random Acts of Kindness Kids) were able to donate \$540 to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. For the second year in a row the Taylor students have sold candy grams at Valentine's Day and then made a charitable donation of the money collected. With the help of the community, students, and staff, over 2300 candy grams were created and distributed around Taylor.

March 20
Conservation Officer James Beckett receives award
Kentucky Conservation Officer James Beckett recently received the Hunter Education Officer of the Year award. Selected from over one hundred Kentucky Conservation Officers, this award is presented to the officer who excels in teaching Hunter Safety and training youth in the areas of hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Phyllis Reed recognized on Senate Floor by Senator Katie Stine
On Tuesday, March 4th, the Kentucky Community Education Association

was at the Capitol for their annual KCEA Legislative Luncheon. Senator Stine invited Phyllis Reed to join her on the floor for recognition for being the Community Education Program Director from Augusta Independent/Bracken County.

March 27
Bracken Farm Bureau Women attend State Women's Conference
Members of the Bracken County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, Margaret Bay, Margarette Carl, Ina McCord, Louise Moneyhon, and Betty Newman, participated in the State Women's Leadership Conference held March 21-22, 2014, at the Embassy suites Hotel in Lexington.

Jeans and Such soon to be a thing of the past in Augusta
After close to 33 years serving the citizens of Augusta and Bracken County as a local source of new women's, men's, and kid's apparel, Jeans and Such will soon be closing their doors.

Mack and Wilma Wallace started Jeans and Such in 1981 to benefit those who needed new clothing in Bracken County and didn't want or couldn't travel out of the county.

April 3
First National Bank makes donation to Brooksville VFD
On Thursday, March 21, 2014, the First National Bank of Brooksville donated \$500.00 to the Brooksville Volunteer Fire Department. First National Bank is happy to support our local organizations.

Educational roles change at annual Farmer's Breakfast
The 4th Annual Bracken County Farmer's Breakfast was held on March 25th at the Bracken County Extension Office. Over 150 farmers and community friends were in attendance. Ag Advancement Council members began cooking at 5:30 a.m. in order to feed the crowd.

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF AUGUSTA
by Rita Bradford

Hello & God's Blessings. from everyone at The First Baptist Church of Augusta. We invite you to try a new, New Year's resolution this year, one that will not let you down - to start a relationship with God or to fan the flames of the one you already have.

Our services begin with Wed. Night Prayer 7 p.m., Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. This week's lesson is titled "A Model For Prayer". This lesson will help you hone your praying ability. Sunday Morning Worship begins 10:30 a.m., Sunday Evening Service is 6 p.m. We invite you to come join us & start your New Year on the right foot. So let us enter this New Year with a newly rekindled sense of God's love & His presence within us.

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GREETINGS FROM
ST. JAMES

by Caroline Jefferson

The Vigil Mass for the January Feast Day of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be celebrated at 5:30 PM at St. James on December 31 by Msgr. Dominic. There is absolutely no better way to begin a New Year than to humble oneself before God, to petition Him for a good year and to offer thanksgiving for the many blessings received! Religion Education Classes for our students will begin on Sunday, January 5.

The December 14 winner of the weekly \$100 Giveaway was Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Crawford and the December 21 winner was Mr. Matt Reule. Congratulations to these winners and best of luck to everyone for the remaining drawings!

As the New Year begins, let us renew our efforts to become the best version of ourselves that we can be! This world needs more folks to stand up for God and to beg Him to be a part of our society once again. We must pray daily to end the killing of our babies through the barbaric practice of abortion! Let us become the best version of ourselves so that this nation can be improved, one person at a time! May God bless you each abundantly during this New Year 2015!

NEW ZION BAPTIST

by Sheril Fletcher

Come join us for Worship and Christian fellowship. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. and Evening Worship starts at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming: There will be a Deacon's meeting on Jan. 4 at 5:30 p.m. On Jan. 18 we will have a business meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Please remember in prayer John Thomas, Tina Cochran, Mable Fields, Janice and John Actons, Clyde Groves, Janetta Ramey, Bonnie Florence, Ryan Kennedy, Aidan McKinney, Bill McClanahan, Myrtle Bishop and the Smith, Lawson and Honeycutt families. Also remember to pray for our country and its leaders.

Church News

BERLIN BAPTIST

by Karen Cooper

We invite all to come and worship with our family of believers. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday night services are held at 7 p.m.

This past Sunday we enjoyed a wonderful message from Brother Andrew Bishop. Brother Andrew's message was taken from Mark 6:45-52 and titled "Fear Not".

PRESBYTERIAN
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*by Les Grooms, pastor
Augusta Presbyterian*

Sunday was the conclusion of a very successful church year. We had 58 present for worship. Millie Bush was the liturgist, Susie Hargett led the singing, and Miranda Claypool had children's church. Shawnothy and Emily sang a special song "Happy Birthday Jesus" for us. They along with their aunt Erica had sung this song on Christmas Eve. Beautiful song sung by beautiful children.

We started a new study in Sunday School class. It is a short study written by Max Lucado about prayer. We should be on this study for about five weeks.

We had a very successful Christmas Day in church. We continued the tradition of having a meal for those who were by themselves on Christmas day. We also sent out many meals for those who were not able to attend.

Next week the various groups in the church will make their annual reports and the Session (the governing body) will make its recommendation about pastor's contract.

My sermon this week was about Simeon and Anna, who are two people who are rarely thought about when we study the Christmas story.



BROOKSVILLE
CHRISTIAN

by John Elfers

What child is this? He is Christ, the Lord! When Jesus ascended into Heaven, the Apostles were assured He would return, the same way that He left. That is why we have hope, a sense of purpose, to enable us to do God's work. But are we willing? Are you? Remember, the day of the Lord will appear like a thief in the night. That was Ron's message Sunday. Now that we have celebrated the first coming of Lord, let's be sure to be prepared for when He makes His triumphant return!

You are invited to join us as we prepare by participating in any of the following services: Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:45 a.m.; K-5 grade youth group Sun. 6 p.m.; Sun. night Bible Study 6 p.m.; 6-12 grade group Sun. 7 p.m.; Men's Bible Study Mon. 7:30 p.m. or you can call Ron Moser 606-782-2731. For youth programs, Shane Hunt 606-402-1676. We are centrally located in downtown Brooksville. Transportation is available upon request.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN

by Barbara Browning

"Give God Your Song" was the sermon for the morning. Remember what it was like when you were closest to God; repent and turn back to Jesus; return to doing the things YOU did at first!!

We send our congratulations to retiring Pendleton County Judge Executive Henry Bertram. May God bless you in your future endeavors.

Remember in prayer the families of Hawley Christy Martinez and Darlene Hornsby. Other prayer concerns include Bobby and Linda Johnson, Mable Fields, Jeanine and Chanis Cox, Brandon Figgins, Zach Logan, Megan Cannon, Cindy Kansel, Ruby LaMonda, Blanche Cannon, Gracie Hurst, Virginia Wright, Carl Bay Sr., Jack Brooks, Pat Ray, Dan Pence, Butch Sutton, shut-ins, cancer issues, armed forces, and our leaders.

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April 10

Augusta Sports Teams accomplishments honored during parade

The City of Augusta sponsored a parade this past Sunday, April 6th, recognizing the accomplishments of their sports teams. Members of Lady Panthers Basketball team can be seen atop one of the Augusta Volunteer Fire Department trucks smiling for parade goers. They were Bluegrass Conference Tournament Champions and went 15-9 for the 2013-2014 season. Senior Kaitlyn Whiteman joined the 1000 point club in February.

Redistricting of Magisterial Districts begins with May Primary, affecting voters polling locations

After the 2010 Census, Kentucky state government developed a redistricting event that would enable a more equal distribution of representation for counties on issues facing them. In this redistricting, Robertson County was added to State Representative Mike Denham's district that previously included only Bracken, Fleming and Mason counties.

April 17

City of Brooksville unveils winning concept for City of Brooksville flag

On Thursday evening, April 10th, the City of Brooksville held a flag unveiling and dedication ceremony at the Watson Community Building. At the suggestion of Ron and Phyllis Thornbury, a contest was held last year to create a flag for the City of Brooksville. Several designs were submitted to the City Council members and Mayor for consideration.

Houp is winner in "Hidden Easter Basket" Contest

April Houp of Brooksville was the lucky winner in this year's search for the "Hidden Easter Basket". April correctly searched and found all twelve baskets filled with eggs and a bunny.

April 24

Mrs. Fultz's class celebrates Earth Day at Taylor Elementary

According to the earth-day.org website, "each year, Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

BCMS Baseball players participate in Road Cleanup

Members of the Bracken County Middle School Baseball Team and their parents participated in the 2014 Spring Road Cleanup by collecting trash along Highway 19 from the Chatham Christian Church to Route 8. They collected 31 bags of miscellaneous trash items thrown out along the highway by inconsiderate motorists

May 1

Conley signs with KY Christian University

Emma Conley signed her letter of intent to play Softball at Kentucky Christian University on Friday, April 25, at Bracken County High School. Emma is a pitcher and slap hitter for BCHS. She's inked a spot on Kentucky Christian University's first ever fast-pitch team and will be a part of its inaugural season. She is the daughter of Gayle and Erin Conley.

Bach signs to play for Bellarmine University

Brent Bach signed his let-

ter of intent to play Basketball at Bellarmine University on Thursday, April 24, at Augusta Independent School. Brent became the single season and career scoring leader at Augusta this season when he scored 1,000 points for a career total of 2,615 points. He is the son of Mike and Laurie Bach.

May 8

Royalty crowned at the Augusta High School Prom

The Augusta High School gymnasium was transformed into a "Hollywood" set by the junior class for this year's Senior Prom held this past Saturday, May 3rd. Crowned King and Queen this year were Dustin Freeman and Olivia Wiseman. Crowned Prince and Princess were Brent Bach and Claire Laycock.

Hargetts retire after a combined 95 years of service

June and Steve Hargett are more than co-workers at Riverside Tractor in Augusta, they are brothers and friends. They share a faith and devotion to family instilled in them by their parents, Anna and the late Raymond Hargett. Each worked alongside their father, Raymond, Sr., part time before graduating high school.

May 15

Young canoeists drown in accident on Ohio River

According to Gregory E. Taylor, Assistant Chief, Buffalo Trace Search and Rescue, the active recovery phase of the search for two missing canoeists on the Ohio River ended on Sunday a week after it began. The body of Marty Stanaford, 19, was found on Friday, May 9th, near Augusta, 8 miles west of Ripley. The pair were last seen on May 3rd about 15 miles east of the Meldahl Dam.

Excel-Care Personal Svcs. now open for business on Main Street in Augusta

Excel-Care Christian Personal Care Services is pleased to announce the new opening of Excel-Care on Main Street in Augusta, located above the Adkins Glass Shop with entrance in rear of the building.

May 22

Royalty crowned at the Bracken County Prom

"Vintage Hollywood" was the theme for the Bracken County High School Prom held this past Saturday, May 17th. Crowned King and Queen this year were Kyle Jefferson and Alyson Crawford. Crowned Prince and Princess were Logan Gisler and Makenzie Jefferson.

Groves to be Augusta High Commencement Speaker

Augusta Independent is honored to announce that Matt Groves will be serving as the keynote speaker at the 2014 graduation ceremony. Matt was raised in Augusta and graduated from Augusta Independent in 2007.

May 29

6th Annual Musical Tribute honors veterans, active servicemen

Saturday's memorial tribute to our veterans was well attended. As always the Bracken County Alumni and Community Band did a wonderful job of entertaining the crowd while honoring our veterans and active servicemen and women with traditional patriotic music.

Clos to be Bracken Co. Commencement Speaker

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School is honored to announce that Michael Clos will be serving as the keynote speaker at the 2014 graduation ceremony. Michael is a 1997 graduate of Bracken County High School.

June 5

Remembering courage and sacrifice 70 years after D-Day

By Rep. Mike Denham

June 6 will mark 70 years since the D-Day invasion of Normandy, the day that a military operation unparalleled in human history began the invasion that led to Hitler's downfall and the liberation of a continent.

Taylor students treated to Pioneer Days demonstrations, exhibits

Students in the fourth and fifth grades at Taylor Elementary were treated to a look into pioneer living with "Pioneer Days" hosted by the Gifted and Talented and Leadership students. Demonstrations, like the making of lye soap by Judy Brothers of Lavender Hills of Kentucky and exhibits were set up in the library, preschool room, art room and teacher Ashley Linback's room.

June 12

Weather beautiful for Art Guild's annual "Art in the Garden"

For the 14th annual "Art in the Garden", the weather was absolutely beautiful with not a chance of a pop up rain storm or high winds in sight. Visitors could be seen from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. leisurely walking down Riverside Drive taking in all the exhibitors had to offer. That perfect gift or accent piece was sure to be had as this year over 60 booths displayed such treasures as jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, and works in wood and stone along the lazy Ohio River.

A Father's Family Tradition . . .

Family Traditions can start as small as rooting for the same professional baseball/basketball/football teams or as large as going to the same college, joining the same military branch or choosing the same career. For the King family it was joining the band and marching for the Bracken County High School Band.

June 19

Brooksville Child Care visited by Miss "Mollie Moo" and her friends . . .

Showing much excitement and much enthusiasm, the children of the Brooksville Child Care gave their help to local dairy producer, Louise Moneyhon, for a salute to June Dairy Month as she visited them on Thursday, June 12, 2014, assisted by Miss "Mollie Moo".

Teegarden presented flag for use at Ruggles Camp by Woodmen of the World

New Woodmen of the World Field Representative for the Bracken County area, Tommy Blevins, presented Hal Teegarden with a flag for Ruggles Camp and Retreat Center on Monday, June 16th. Hal and wife, Maude, of Germantown are very active participants to the Camp and will be presenting the flag on behalf of the Bracken County area Woodmen of the World.

June 26

Black bear sightings amaze residents across county

A young bear cub was sighted on Hamilton Road on Thursday, June 19th. Kim Moorhead was on the phone with her sister, Elizabeth Woods, telling her about the latest bear sightings in Robertson County when she very calmly said, according to her sister later, "he's here".

Her sister asked who and Kim replied "the bear"!

BCMS students enjoy Career Craze

Bracken County Middle School attended the 2014 Career Craze program that was sponsored by Maysville Community & Technical College on June 11, 12, & 13. Career Craze is designed to promote career awareness to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders using a fun-filled hands-on approach.

July 3

Augusta receives royal visit

The American Queen riverboat was docked along the Riverwalk in Augusta on Friday, June 27. Passengers disembarked and took tours of the city, winery, and local shops, before continuing on their trip.

BCMS students enjoy trip to Toyota

Bracken County Middle School students attended a field trip to Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK) on June 18. TMMK is located in Georgetown, Kentucky and is the largest Toyota plant outside of Japan. TMMK manufactures about 2,000 Toyota vehicles every day and currently produces the Camry, Avalon, and Venza.

July 10

Work ongoing as city of Brooksville receives new water lines

The City of Brooksville has contracted with Tilton Excavation to replace existing water lines in Brooksville. Work began in early June and continues as the 4 - 6 inch water lines laid in 1938 are being replaced with new 8 inch pipes.

Cemetery Chapel ladies & friends visit Newport Peace Bell, ride Ducks

Saturday morning ladies from Cemetery Chapel Christian Church hosted a trip to Northern Kentucky. They began their day at the Peace Bell in Newport. They were met by Jack Moreland and Wayne Carlisle and given a tour and lots of information about the Bell.

July 17

Bracken Co. Health Department holds Baby & Family Gala

The Bracken County Health Department held their annual Baby & Family Gala on Thursday, July 10th at the Bracken County Extension Office. The free event was targeted at mothers-to-be and children to age 5.

Homemakers elect 2014-15 officers at Annual Meeting

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Bracken County Homemakers was held on Thursday, June 26th at the Bracken County Extension Office. Mollie Fields Jordan, Farm Manager of the Giving Fields was the speaker for the evening.

July 24

St. James to celebrate 100th anniversary

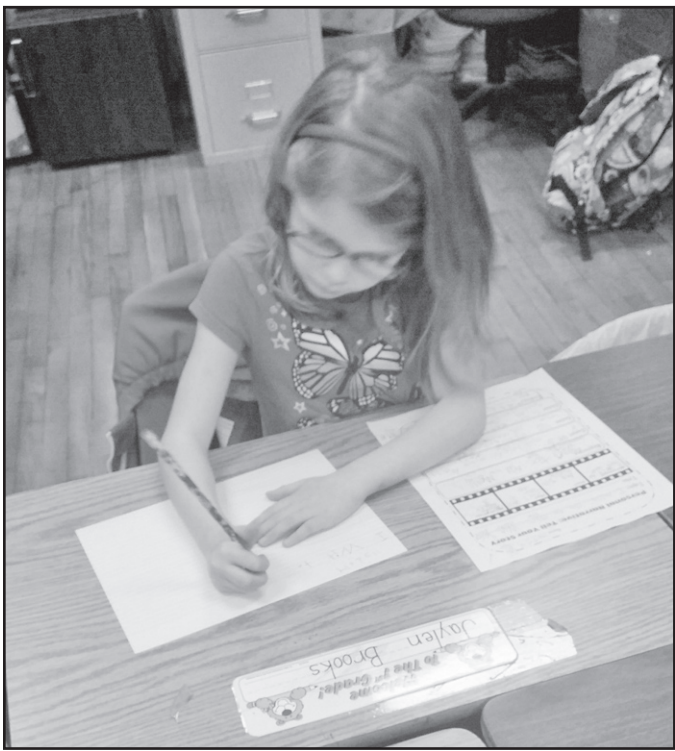
All of St. James' preparations, meetings and prayers culminate in a 100th anniversary celebration weekend! On Saturday, July 26, Mass at St. James will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

Welte honored as Admiral for 2014 Augusta Riverfest Regatta

Steve Welte was honored as the Admiral for the 2014 Augusta Riverfest Regatta held July 18-20, along Riverside Drive in Augusta. During the opening ceremonies on Saturday he was presented with the traditional admirals hat and a keepsake.

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Brooks hard at work at Augusta Independent School



Mrs. Blackaby's first grade class at Augusta Independent have been learning about the writing process. Jaylen Brooks is shown working hard on writing her title for her Personal Narrative as she begins publishing her writing piece.

Photo submitted



TRASH TALK

by: Mr. Recycle Bin & Ms. Pick-Up Litterbug
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Howdy Folks! Happy New Year 2015!! Many of you remember well as we do, the great scare when the calendars advanced to the year 2000 and many were predicting major computer crashes and even worse, the end of the world! That was fifteen years ago and we are still functioning as a universe so it's best not to listen to those predicting gloom and doom! Instead, let us concentrate on each day as it is given to us and make the most of it. Let us continue with our motto of keeping Bracken clean in 2015 by making every effort to conserve the natural resources that remain. By recycling and reusing we can each reduce the negative impact that we have on the environment. That would also include becoming a better environmental citizen by not littering! If you haven't noticed lately, take a good look at the sides of the highways and byways that you travel each day to discover how some folks have absolutely no respect for this beautiful country that we all call home!

An aluminum can tossed out today could be found in the same spot 500 years from now! Add 15 'greats' in front of grandchildren to get that equivalent! And what about those disposable diapers that our Bracken County Litter Patrol encounters almost every road clean? Those too will still be around 500 years from now! Other items that are completely recyclable, but that will never biodegrade include plastic bottles, Styrofoam of every size, shape and color and even the glass bottle. We read this quote about bottles, "a minute on the lips, 1,000,000 lifetimes on the side of the road!" It is very important for all of us to recycle the items that are accepted by the Mason County Recycling Center! Because we are not a big metropolitan area, we,

along with the surrounding counties, cannot recycle as many items, but that should not stop us from recycling the items that are acceptable! We urge you to make 2015 a year of positive change, beginning with the great habit of recycling!

Two, maybe three years ago, we told you of a new invention known as a 3D Printer. Since that time, the technology behind this ingenious device has kicked into high gear. Probably the most beneficial use of this machine is in the medical field where doctors can actually use the printer to create patient specific devices in a matter of hours as opposed to days and even weeks. This invention has literally saved lives due to the speed at which the parts are printed. All of this is most fascinating and every day, this 3D Printer is evolving. Now, not only is plastic being used to create the product, but ceramics, metals and would you believe edibles? The Hershey Chocolate Company, the chocolate lover's favorite manufacturer, has unveiled a chocolate 3D Printer! On December 19, the public was introduced to this printer which would allow them to scan a picture of whatever they wanted, such as a rose, and the machine would print out a chocolate rose, ready to be eaten!

All of this technology is overwhelming to many of our generation! Words such as iPad, Smart Phones, and gigabytes leave us scratching our heads as we know we must upgrade our language if we have any thoughts of communicating! Even with all this "smartness" going on, we cannot forgo the words or the good habits of RECYCLING, REUSING and REDUCING to keep God's earth clean, green and beautiful! Be seen' you (maybe we can Skype sometime!) -- Bin & Bug.

Announcements

Bracken Co. Water District will be closing at 2:00 on Wed., Dec. 31 and will re-open on Mon., Jan. 5.

Bracken Co. Circuit Clerk's office/Bracken Co. Judicial Center will be closed Wed., Dec. 31 & Thurs., Jan. 1. There will not be any driver testing on Jan. 2.

Bracken Co. Courthouse will be closed Wed., Dec. 31 and Thurs., Jan. 1 in observance of New Years.

Bracken Co. FRYSC will be closed Thurs., Jan. 1 and Fri., Jan. 2. The office will reopen on Mon., Jan. 5.

Bracken Co. Extension Service will be closed thru Jan. 5.

Bracken Co. Quilt Club will meet Mon., Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. Bring a fat quarter, a wide border print for your table runner & an ingredient for Stone Soup.

Scarlett O'Hatters will have lunch at Bob Evans on Thurs., Jan. 8 (Note: date change). Leave Brooksville 11:30 a.m.

Fine free January at the Bracken Co. Public Library. If you have library materials out that are overdue or have been checked out for a long time please take advantage of this FINE FREE JANUARY event. Materials need to be brought back in the shape received.

St. Augustine Church Bingo is Sun., Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. Players must be 18 & over. \$15 player. Bingo, pull tabs, drinks & snacks.

Rumpke Holiday Collection Schedule

Rumpke customers may see a delay in waste and recycling collection the week of Dec. 29 because of New Year's.

Schedule for the Week of New Year's

Customers with service on Monday, Dec. 29, Tuesday, Dec. 30 and Wednesday, Dec. 31 will not be impacted.

Service will not occur on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1, and collection will be delayed one day the rest of the week. Customers with a Thursday trash day will be collected on Friday. Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

Communities with twice weekly collection will only be collected once during the week of the holidays, on the first scheduled collection day.

Rumpke will return to its normal collection schedule the week of Jan. 5.

Rumpke's year-round holiday schedule is available online at www.rumpke.com.

Mammography Screenings set for Wed., Jan. 7th

Mobile Mammography Screenings will be held at the Bracken County Extension Office on Wednesday, January 7th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The screenings are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance companies under the following guidelines: Ages 35-40 Baseline Screening; Over 40 an Annual Screening. **Funding available for the uninsured** thanks to a generous grant from the Susan G. Komen For The Cure - Lexington Affiliate.

To sign up call 859-655-7400.



The new year is all about opportunity for Kentucky hunters

The stretch between Christmas and New Year's Day can be a time to relax, reflect and make resolutions for the year ahead.

The Wildlife Division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is well into its planning for the 2015-16 hunting seasons, and one word keeps coming up in the discussions.

Opportunity.

The focus is not limited to one species, but plans pertaining to deer, elk and small game stand out.

Here's a look at some of what's in store for 2015.

DEER

At its December meeting, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommended several proposals for legislative approval that would expand or create new opportunities for deer and elk hunters.

In Kentucky, a county is assigned to one of four deer management zones. Some zones have move liberal harvest restrictions to thin or maintain the herd while others are more restrictive to help grow the herd.

Deer populations in Hopkins, Larue, Green, Nelson and Bullitt counties have reached the point where more antlerless deer need to be harvested, according to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists. Under the proposal, those counties would shift from Zone 2 to Zone 1 status. The change would give hunters an opportunity to be harvest an unlimited number of antlerless deer in those counties provided they have the appropriate number of Additional Deer Permits.

"You'll see a significant harvest increase going from

a Zone 2 to a Zone 1, which is what we want," said Chris Garland, acting Wildlife Division director for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "When we go to a Zone 1, we're basically trying to knock back the population."

Deer numbers in Grayson, Ohio and Breckenridge counties have rebounded since the Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease outbreaks in 2007 and 2010 and can withstand moving from Zone 3 to Zone 2, biologists said. Zone 2 status allows for a 16-day modern gun deer season as opposed to a 10-day season in Zones 3 and 4.

There are other proposed changes to deer regulations on several Wildlife Management Areas to follow as well, including the creation of a new antlerless-only quota hunt in December on Veterans Memorial WMA in Scott County and a November firearms quota hunt on Kentucky River WMA in Owen and Henry counties. Also, residents 65 and older will be allowed to use crossbows during the entire deer archery season without being required to obtain a crossbow exemption permit under a proposal forwarded by the commission.

"We're really looking at providing as much opportunity as we can without negatively impacting the population base," Garland said.

ELK

A new Landowner Voucher Permit System could pave the way for private landowners to earn an elk permit by opening their land for elk hunting.

"We're trying to increase opportunity by opening up new lands and give people the motivation to open up their private land," Garland said. "We realize the elk are moving into the woods and moving off the public lands they've been hunted on. They're wiser and more wary and acting like a truly hunted elk herd."

Under the system recommended by the commission, a landowner or lessee with at least 100 acres in the elk zone would be eligible to enroll.

Landowners would set the number of hunters, by weapon type, allowed on their land. Two points would be awarded for the harvest of a bull elk and one for a cow elk. After accruing 20 points, the landowner or lessee of the property would receive one voucher elk permit, which would be transferrable and valid for either sex on any land the landowner or lessee owns or leases in the elk zone.

SMALL GAME

A progress report on the 10-year plan for restoring the northern bobwhite is due out in early 2015.

"We reviewed our progress over the first five years; what we did well and what we can improve on," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

One of the highlights of the past five years' work is the success achieved in quail focus areas.

"Every focus area that we worked on experienced an increase in bobwhite populations," Robinson said. "The work differs a little bit for all the regions, but all in all they've been under pretty intensive habitat management. Everything from getting rid of cool season grasses like fescue and establishing native warm-season grasses down to managing existing habitat to make it better through controlled burning, herbicide applications and disking. It's really starting to pay off."

Opportunities abound for hunters in Kentucky, and more are on the horizon in 2015. The new license year starts March 1, and licenses and permits for the 2015-16 season are on sale now. Visit the department's website at fw.ky.gov for more information.



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July 31

Germantown Fair time means fun time with family and friends!

A county fair always brings out the kid in everyone, and the Germantown Fair is no different. Families look forward to going each year to meet up with friends, enjoy the carnival rides, food and watching the many events planned throughout the week.

Bracken County FBLA excels at National Leadership Conference

Members of the Bracken County Chapter of FBLA attended the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN on June 29-July 3.

August 7th

New principal, increased security at Bracken School

The 2014-2015 school year finds a new principal at Bracken County High School, Dennis Maines. Mr. Maines comes to Bracken after six years as the principal at Holmes High School in Covington.

U.S. Bank In Augusta names Sean Stewart Branch Manager

U.S. Bank in Augusta, Kentucky, has named Sean Stewart branch manager. Stewart is responsible for overseeing consumer and business lending, business

development and community relations.

August 14th

Saint Augustine students return to school after annual weekend festival

Saint Augustine Catholic Church has been very busy over the last week preparing not only for their annual festival but also preparing for the new school year.

Re-enactment of the Battle of Blue Licks August 16th & 17th

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park will commemorate the anniversary of the Revolutionary War battle with its annual re-enactment weekend on August 16-17.

August 21st

Baker-Bird Winery introduces new Wine

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Flag Retirement Ceremony held in Brooksville

Woodmen of the World held a flag retirement ceremony in Brooksville on Friday evening, August 15, 2014. Several members of the community joined local and state officials, veterans and Mains-Quinlin VFW members and the alumni and



community band in honoring the most visible and readily identifiable symbol of the United States, the American Flag.

August 28th

After 25 years the “New Wave” gets a “New Look”

It's hard to believe the girls at the New Wave have been cutting and styling hair for twenty five years, but they have. Now in keeping with beautifying their customers, they have decided to give their building a new look, also.

Games, fun and fellowship enjoyed at Family Fun Night in Brooksville

Despite the sweltering August heat on Saturday, August 23rd, a nice crowd attended the Family Fun Night event in Brooksville. The City of Brooksville, Tiger Football, and the Bracken County Public Library joined forces to create a family friendly day that could be enjoyed by all ages.

September 4th

Queens crowned in Saturday pageants

Six queens were crowned in Saturday evening's, August 30th, Heritage Days Pageants. Seventeen young ladies aged 19 months to 19 years competed for the titles of Baby Miss (19 months to 2 years), Tiny Miss (3-4 years), Little Miss (5-7 years), Miss Pre-Teen (8-12 years), Miss Teen (13-15 years), and Miss Heritage Days (16-21 years).

Frog Derby, Give-a-way winners announced

Metcalfe-Hennessey Funeral Home once again sponsored the ever popular Frog Derby at the Rotary Clubs' annual Heritage Days Festival. Several of the preliminary rounds resulted in jump offs.

September 11th

Bracken Creek Horse Trails officially open

The “Grand Opening” for the Bracken County Industrial and Recreation Park was held on Saturday, September 6th. One hundred and twenty people enjoyed a meal served by ladies of the community.

Commercial Hot Dog Stand in business in Bracken County

Travelers on the AA Highway may have noticed colorful flags at the Holts Creek intersection at Foster. Ron McCormick and Patrick Stringfield have opened and are operating a commercial hot dog stand. *(Editor's note: they relocated to Route 8 in Foster in October)*

September 18th

Another successful “Swingtime on the River” enjoyed in Augusta

The 10th annual “Swingtime on the River” held this past Saturday in Augusta, fell on a beautiful crisp September evening. Despite the coolness of Autumn setting in, Saturday's weather was just perfect for dancing to the big band music of the Swingtime Big Band from northern Kentucky.

Bracken County “Relay For Life” raises \$23,974, total expected to increase

This year's “Relay For Life Rally” was held Friday evening, September 12th at the Augusta Boat Dock. Former Relay Chairman LuAnn Doyle was the event speaker. She spoke on the importance of holding local events and the impact local

donors can have on research and the monies raised to fund the research of new treatments, drugs, and prevention screenings.

September 25th

Royalty crowned at BCHS Football Homecoming game

Homecoming royalty was crowned during halftime of the Bracken County High School Football game on Friday evening, September 19. Crowned King and Queen were Anthony Rogers and Jaylyn Miller. Crowned Prince and Princess were Andrew Jefferson and Desirae Thacker.

Jett named Louisville Grill Master in Travel Channel competition

Bracken County's own Staci Graves Jett was a winner on the Travel Channels show “American Grilled”. Staci competed in Louisville, KY in June for the title of Louisville Grill Master and \$10,000.

October 2nd

2014 Property Tax Bills are now due and payable

The 2014 Bracken County property taxes were mailed on Monday, September 29th. In the absence of Bracken County Sheriff Howard Niemeier, his Executive Secretary Janet Morris and Bracken County Property Valuation Administrator Tracey Florer delivered the 5,650 2014 property tax bills to the Brooksville Post Office.

Tobacco curing concerns facing Bracken and surrounding counties

The recent hot, dry, weather is causing concern for the quality of the tobacco crop for this year. Tobacco needs both dry conditions and moist conditions to make the proper chemical changes in the leaf to create the colors and qualities the companies want in the tobacco.

October 9th

Bracken County 4-H'ers recognized during National 4-H Week

More than 6 million young people across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October.

“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!”

“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!” is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2014, October 5-11.

October 15th

Jim's Auto Outlet holds annual Customer Appreciation Day

Jim's Auto Outlet in Brooksville celebrated their annual Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 11th. In typical fashion, Jim's Auto served a delicious lunch, gave away door prizes, and showed off the many vehicles available on the lot.

BCN&RC inducts three at Hall of Fame ceremony

Bracken County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center hosted a Hall of Fame Café celebration on Oct. 9 to honor residents at the local nursing home.

October 23rd

Seniors recognized at last home Bracken football game

Bracken County senior

football player, Eli Rodriguez was recognized at the last home football game this past Friday, October 17th. Also recognized were senior cheerleaders Caitlyn Hamilton and Taylor Smith.

Baker-Bird winery receives Commissioner's Cup Award

Dinah Bird of Baker-Bird Winery in Augusta receives the Commissioner's Cup Award for Best Boutique Wine from Kristen Branscum, executive director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's marketing office, at A Celebration of Kentucky Wine at The Olmsted on Thursday, October 9.

October 30th

Tiger Football teams headed to their Super Bowl games!!!

Tiger football has had a wonderful season this year. All of their teams have had great success in the GNCKYFL. The 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th grade teams finished with an undefeated season. The 5th & 6th grade team finished with a winning season of 6 wins and 3 losses. It is a huge accomplishment to take all 3 teams to the Super Bowl.

Augusta Independent and Bracken County Schools jointly recognize “Red Ribbon Week”

October 20 - 24 was recognized as “Red Ribbon Week” nationwide. This year, both the Augusta Independent Schools, and the Bracken County School District had officials meet to arrange it as a county-wide effort.

November 6th

Woodmen of the World donates to Back Pack Program

On Wednesday, October 29, Woodmen of the World Chapter 871 participated in the Woodmen of the World National Fight Hunger program by donating to the Bracken County District Back Pack Program.

2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - Bracken County Cross Country is headed to State!!

The Bracken County Cross Country teams ran in cold wet conditions during in

the Region 5 Championships in Maysville on Saturday, November 1st. Both teams ran with the determination needed to be contenders for right to go to the State Championship in Lexington on Saturday, November 8th.

November 13th

Homemakers hold Holiday Bazaar

The Bracken County Extension Homemakers held their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 8. Traditionally held in one of the schools, this year they held it at the Extension office. There was a nice mix of craft items, baked goods, pecans, Christmas ornaments, and home-made candy intermingled with direct sales products

US Bank, Augusta Branch holds annual Customer Appreciation Day

The Augusta Branch of US Bank held their annual Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, November 7th. Customers were treated to soup beans, cornbread, country ham, BBQ pulled pork, chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, and desserts for lunch.

November 20th

Matt Groves to be Emcee for Augusta White Christmas Parade

The Augusta Rotary Club is pleased to announce that WTVQ's Matt Groves will be the Master of Ceremony for the White Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13.

Bracken County cleaning up after first significant snowfall of winter 2014

When snow flurries were first seen on November 1st, everyone joked of their being only one significant snowfall for the upcoming winter. Well, the joke may be on us as winter doesn't come in until December 21st and we have already received our first significant snowfall and temperatures not felt this early in November since 1976. Yes, 1976!

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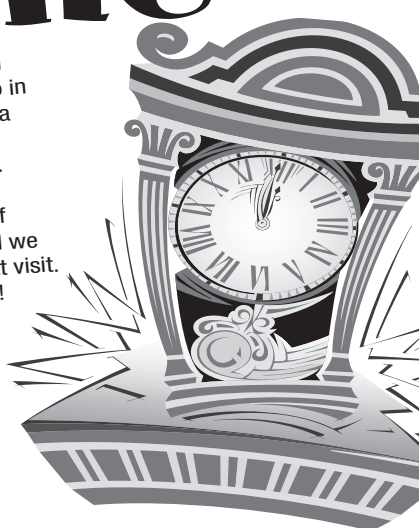
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November 27th

Community Thanksgiving meals celebrated throughout the county

Like so many families in our community and across the nation, local churches have celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday early. Members of the Friendship Church were ready to serve their annual community Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, November 1st. This year's meal was held at the Senior Citizens Building in Brooksville.

Sheriff's Office completes 2nd drug bust

The Sheriff's Office has completed an 18 month investigation into drug activity in the county. These investigations are a continuation of their efforts for attacking the drug problems in Bracken County. Although this is the conclusion of this investigation their work to address the drug problems in the county will continue.

December 4th

Bracken Fiscal Court seeking options before removing signs

The local county government, the Bracken County Fiscal Court, is taking a hard

look at recent changes in allowable road signs along county road right of ways. Specifically a topic of concern for parents in Bracken County is the impending removal of "Slow Children At Play" signs and "Autistic Children" and "Hearing Impaired" area signs.

Shepherds named "Light Up Brooksville" Grand Marshals

The "Light Up Brooksville" Parade Committee was pleased to announce Roberta and Buddy Shepherd as this year's Grand Marshals.

They took up housekeeping 59 years ago in a little house on Frankfort Street in Brooksville where they still live today. That house has seen three daughters, Cheryl, Carol, and Denise, grow-up and start families of their own that now includes seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

December 11th

Kelsch named Grand Marshal of Augusta White Christmas Parade

The Augusta Rotary Club was pleased to announce that Paul Kelsch had been appointed honorary Grand Marshal for the White

Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13.

A life-long resident of Augusta and a member of the Augusta Rotary Club for over 50 years, Mr. Kelsch exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service above Self". He served in the Army during WWII in Europe with the 134th Gun Battalion, as a member of VFW Post 9535, on the Augusta City Council for 16 years, and as a member of St. Augustine Church. He shared 63 years of marriage with his wife Martha, who passed away last year.

Bracken Co. Farm Bureau wins Women's "Top County" Award at Gold Star Luncheon

Recognized for the outstanding achievements of its women's program this year, Bracken County Farm Bureau was honored with the "Top County" Award at the 2014 Gold Star Luncheon during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville. The award honors the best county Women's Committee for its active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational initiatives and numerous other aspects of support to the local Farm Bureau.

December 18th

Alecia Courtney winner of the "Missing Gingerbread Men"

The winner of the \$100 find the "Missing Gingerbread Men" Give-a-way was Alecia Courtney of Butler, KY. Alecia, a senior at Pendleton County High School along with her sweetheart, Dylan Reynolds, also a student at PCHS, got their picture taken with her winnings and a gingerbread man pillow keepsake to remember the year she won by successfully locating all the "Missing Gingerbread Men" hiding places in *The Bracken County News*. Alecia says the hardest gingerbread man to find was in the Huff Realty ad. Which was your hardest?

Winners announced in the Merchants' Search Give-a-way

The *Bracken County News* Office was a flurry of activity on Tues., Dec. 16th as the Merchants' "Save A Stockingful" word search winners arrived.

After 3 weeks and 412 entries, all the words were found for the "Save A Stockingful" word search puzzles, sponsored by several local merchants. Lisa Smith of Brooksville was the lucky recipient of the \$250 first place money. Roberta Shepherd of Brooksville was the second place winner receiving \$100 cash, while David White of Brooksville was the lucky third place winner receiving \$50.

December 25th

Bracken FFA Shops for a Need

On Wednesday, December 10, 2014, the Bracken County FFA Chapter shopped for a family in Bracken who was in a food deficit. Several FFA members helped with this effort. The chapter gathered up 410 pounds of food for the family.

Evening fire damages Augusta School playground equipment

On Wednesday evening, December 17, 2014, neighbors noticed a fire at the Augusta Independent School. The actions of neighbors and quick response of local firemen and law enforcement kept the fire contained to playground equipment and away from the school buses and school building. Damages were estimated at between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

AIS Kindergarteners learn sight words through different activities



Students in Mrs. Ross' Kindergarten class at Augusta Independent School are shown using a variety of multi-sensory activities to demonstrate learning sight words.

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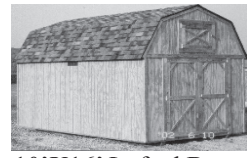
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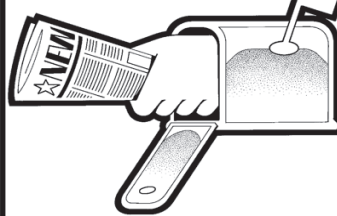
Senior Citizen's Menu

Thurs., Jan. 1 - Holiday.

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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Kentucky has markings of Secretariat on way to Belmont Stakes II

Mixing metaphors. If there is a Secretariat out there today – talent, poise, flowering personality and national attention it's housed in Lexington,

Kentucky's basketball team is big, powerful, smart, showy, with a heart two lions large, and can run too, ten-at-a-time, on 20 legs, all day.

That ESPN analysts declared to the world in the last week-or-so that Kentucky has quality enough to win its own triple crown (SEC, SEC tourney and NCAA), is johnny-come-lately. Folk in Big Blue Nation "saw it right off."

If you're still with me here, you've probably seen every SEC team play at least once this season. Says here, Gainesville, Tuscaloosa to Baton Rouge, pick one, I've seen nary a platoon to match Kentucky's two. Add in the hostile home crowd factor at SEC stops (see poise against UofL), and Kentucky still looks like Secretariat out of the gate. With due respect to Duke fire power, Virginia defense and Arizona team-ness, we could be witnessing the unfolding of narrative for another Belmont Stakes (1973).

The ingredients and personality elements for legend are all there.

TO THE UK ARCHIVES!

Having steam rolled its non-SEC schedule 12-0, let us open the UK basketball archive which, in this case has the heft of Smithsonian and is reverential history to Big Blue Nation.

✓ 1966. Last time a Kentucky team had the magical mix of skill, size, savvy and likability to march to March. On the way to No. 1 in the rankings, Rupp's Runts finished pre-SEC 9-0. By March 5 and a trip to Knoxville the Wildcats were 23-0. We know what happened then.

✓ 1954. If the 2015 Wildcats flatten the SEC they will reach a pinnacle not seen in Big Blue Nation in 61 years. The 1953-54 team won its first seven by double-digits through December and ranked first in all national polls. Adolph Rupp's only unbeaten team was on its way to 25-0.

Then, in a decision that, if made today would cause riot and ruin and a lawsuit, SEC schools voted to let Kentucky participate in the NCAA Tournament, but without it's three leading scorer-rebounders, Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey and Lou Tsioropoulos.

Disqualify the core of Rupp's team because? They were graduate students who had exhausted their eligibility, the league ruled. Irrelevant, they said, the three had not played at all the year before since Kentucky had been suspended as punishment for the point shaving scandal in 1949.

Without his Terrible Trio, Rupp declared his No. 1 ranked and unbeaten team, would not accept the NCAA bid. In the end 1954's national champion was LaSalle. Kentucky had coasted by the Explorers 73-60 in December.

The decision to ban Hagan,

Ramsey and Tsioropoulos was, many believed, linked to football dominate SEC bosses who wanted to punish Rupp again for the 1949 scandal.

And so, another record is up for re-set for the 2015 Kentucky Wildcats, 25-0 and beyond.

OBSERVATIONS: UK-LOUISVILLE

✓ Tyler Ulis. Beyond his remarkably timely shooting in face of 22,000 hostiles, was the rookie's poise and, with blood running down his face, tenacity to carry on. Good news: Kentucky fans can spend a few dollars on a No. 3 jersey for the kid. Better news: Ulis will likely be around awhile.

✓ Not a good sign. Louisville forced a visiting foe into 10 turnovers in 20 minutes, still trailed at half.

✓ Chris Jones' open shot from the left ... clang! Wayne Blackshear open from base line ... clang!

✓ Montrezl Harrell blocked a Willy Cauley-Stein shot early. His emotional outburst after one play cost energy and did nothing to help his team.

✓ An All-American, Harrell cleared himself for just nine shots in 40 minutes.

✓ Passionate Rick Pitino had his team wound tight enough to fight the Taliban, the Cardinals were so emotionally taut they couldn't calm down and shoot straight, 15 of 58 (eight more tries than Kentucky), was a Junior Pro-like, 25 per cent.

✓ This was no game for Pitino. The normally effervescent coach's jaws were so tight afterwards, he told media he would answer three questions, only.

✓ One assist (Chris Jones)? The Cardinals attempted 58 shots, 35 by guards and had one pass-for-a-basket. What sort of team preparation was this?

✓ Blocked shots. A brag-rights element in Louisville's swarm defense. Against Kentucky, the Cardinals logged two.

✓ Defense can't win every game, say some experts? Yes, it can. Poor shooting nights happen to teams, but defense, underpinned by extraordinary depth, can be sustained all night every night.

✓ Offense option: Teams on UK's schedule face same bad option: What do do when the Harrisons twins checked out and freshmen Devin Booker and Ulis check in. Booker and Ulis swished eight of 13 shots, including three triples, 23 points.

WORTH REPEATING DEPARTMENT

Karl Anthony-Towns:

• "It was very physical, but they let a lot go. It was one of those games you had to keep playing through the fouls. Don't worry about it. Don't complain. Just keep playing."

• "It's going to be one time in my life I'll be able to play with a person like Willie Cauley-Stein. It's a blessing and I just want to enjoy all the time I have with him. ... Possibly one of the best defenders I'll ever play with."

And so it goes.

You can reach me at bob. Watkins24@aol.com.

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Lacey is a female yellow lab that went missing on December 23rd and was last seen at Kern Foods on Wagel Road. She is 4 years old and was wearing a white and black collar. Please call **606-782-3173 if you have any information that could help find her.**

Sports

Panthers fall to Wildcats 70-78

The Augusta Panthers took the long and winding road to Falmouth Monday night, December 15th, to face the Pendleton County Wildcats. The 1st quarter was a nip and tuck affair with the Panthers coming up on the short end of an 11-9 score. In the 2nd quarter the Wildcats got hot and put some distance between themselves and the Panthers with the help of a 19-7 run and they had control of the game at the break, 36-22.

Augusta stayed close and battled throughout the 3rd quarter but never could seem to get a stop when they needed one. They would get as close as 3 points but that just wasn't enough. The same could be said for the 4th quarter as the Wildcats hit their free throws down the stretch and pulled away to defeat the Panthers, 78-70. The loss dropped Augusta to 7-1 on the season.

"We did a very poor job on our interior defense tonight," said Coach Hinson, "We never seemed to get on track on either end. You hate to lose but when it does happen you learn from it and move on."

Scoring: Snapp 27, Maddox 16, Crawford 12, Tucker 9, and Shrader 6.

Panthers win game one of US Bank Mike Murphy Classic

The Augusta Panthers were invited to play in the U.S. Bank Mike Murphy Classic once again this season and their 1st round opponent would be the Scott Eagles. Scott quickly jumped out in front of the Panthers early and led throughout the 1st quarter hitting in transition and in the halfcourt and they led 23-12 after the first 8 minutes. In the 2nd quarter the Eagles would see their largest lead at 29-14. Things were looking pretty bad for the Panthers at this point but then things started to change.

The shots that led the Eagles to their lead stopped falling. Augusta's pressure picked up as did their scoring as they went on a 22-7 run to end the quarter with the game tied at 36 all.

Scott jumped back out in front in the 3rd quarter scoring the first 6 points but the Panthers weren't going away. Each team would have their runs with the Eagles having the last as they led 56-51 going into the 4th quarter. Augusta continued to aggressively drive to the basket, Scott kept fouling and the Panthers kept hitting free throws. That would be the story of the 4th quarter as the Eagles' magic seemed to have run out. Augusta shot 91% from the free throw line and 51% from the field to help them defeat Scott, 76-72.

"It wasn't pretty or perfect, but it's a win," said Coach Hinson, "We still have a lot of work to do to get better. We'll have our hands full on Monday night with the Royals but you can bet these boys will be ready."

Scoring: Maddox 30, Snapp 24, Crawford 11, Whiteman 4, Shoemaker 4, and Shrader 3.

Panthers fall to Royals, 63-74 in game 2 of Classic

The Augusta Panthers next opponent in the U.S. Bank Mike Murphy Classic would be the host of the tournament, the Mason County Royals. This would be the first meeting between the two since last year's 39th district semifinal classic won by Augusta, 61-60. The game could have been compared to a tug of war. Mason County would run out to a lead and Augusta would come back over and over. The Royals held a 19-14 lead after 1 quarter. The Panthers hung with the Royals throughout the 2nd quarter and found themselves trailing at the break, 38-32.

In the 3rd quarter the Panthers continued to play hard and stay in the game, trailing by only 1 on a few occasions but just couldn't get over the hump. Even still it was a tight game through 24 minutes as the Royals held a 53-48 lead going into the 4th quarter. Augusta was starting to run out of gas at this point and their comeback chances took a big blow when Camryn Snapp fouled out with 5:08 to go. Matching up with the taller Royals became a huge problem and Mason County was able to establish a comfortable lead and win the game, 74-63. The loss dropped the Panthers to 8-2.

"I'm proud of these boys for hanging in there and keeping this one close as long as we did," said Coach Hinson, "Playing like this in December could make things very interesting in March."

Scoring: Maddox 25, Crawford 16, Shrader 9, Snapp 7, Tucker 4, and Shoemaker 2.

Panthers fall to Camels in final game of Classic

Following the Panthers' contest with the Royals they

would face the Campbell County Camels for 3rd place in the U.S. Bank Classic. Many regard the Camels as the favorite to repeat in the 10th region so the Panthers had their hands full. The 1st quarter was a tight one featuring a handful of lead changes as the two squads battled for the lead. The Camels would pull away with a late push to lead 22-16. In the 2nd quarter the Panthers hung right with the Camels and were down only 5 at 38-33 at intermission.

Augusta stayed with Campbell County in the 3rd quarter as well. But just like the Mason County game, the Panthers' lack of depth came back to haunt them in the 4th quarter and the bigger, and deeper Camels took advantage and pulled away in this one to win, 77-62. Augusta's second straight loss made their record 8-3.

"This one was a loss as well but we can learn from it," said Coach Hinson, "We hung with two region contenders on back to back nights, I'll take that."

Scoring: Snapp 23, Maddox 15, Shoemaker 9, Tucker 8, and Crawford 7.

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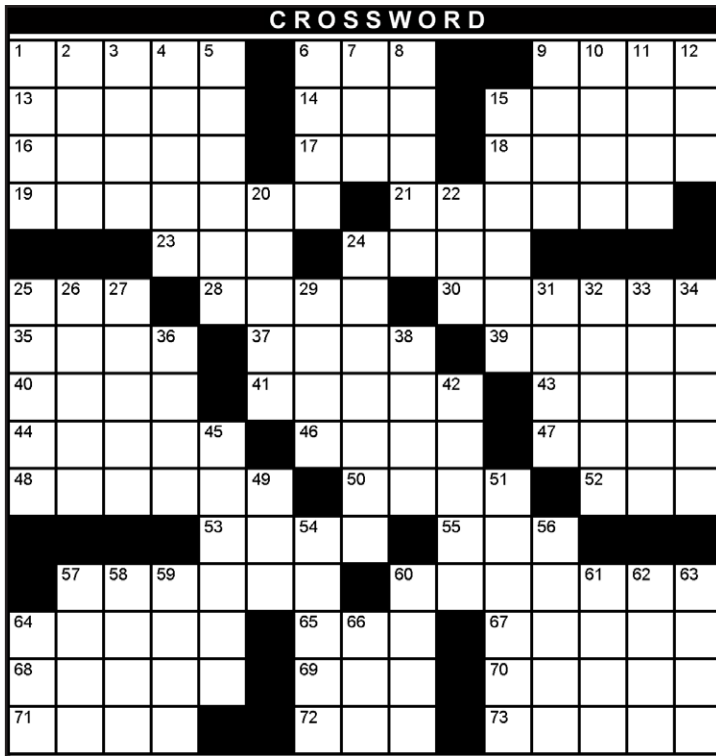
YEAR IN REVIEW

ACROSS

- Good for biceps
- "... alive!"
- *Many Kurds did this from Syria in 2014
- Unctuous Heep, of "David Copperfield"
- Not pre-owned
- It made Harry Potter's invisible
- Common Thanksgiving Day action
- ATM extra
- Reduce, ____, recycle
- *Captured drug lord
- Zoo section
- Go wrong
- Hat part
- Old age, archaic
- Musical compositions for one
- African equines
- *Suspect in PA police ambush was denied this
- Kosher establishment
- Davy Crockett's last stand
- Popular Creole vegetable
- ____ Miss hot chocolate
- Auditory
- MC Hammer's "2 ____ 2 Quit"
- Last two words of certain shoe company's famous slogan
- "Rambling Wreck From Georgia ____"
- *Beyonce and Jay Z performed in them together in '14
- Antonym of #14 Across
- "Big Island" flower necklace
- Leave them behind for riches?
- Grazing area
- *Animated Oscar-winner
- *Billboard Music Awards hologram guest
- Indian restaurant condiment
- Schiller's "____ to Joy"
- Got up
- Remove, as in a Pinterest post
- A cool ____, as in money
- Takes it easy
- They're famous for being busy
- Snake-like reef dweller
- Arrogant one

DOWN

- 27 is the ____ of 3
- Russia's ____ Mountains
- Reduced Instruction Set Computer
- Wood-shaping device
- Barn scissors
- Facts and figures
- Tiger's peg
- Take an oath
- Bloodsucking hopper
- Displeasure on one's face
- The Phantom ____, Mickey Mouse's nemesis
- a.k.a. honey badger
- White liturgical neckwear
- *2014 Olympic site
- Been in bed
- *Infamous terrorist group
- Type of monument
- Jane's mate
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Type of sticker, pl.
- *Washington Nationals gave away a Jayson Werth garden ____
- Ohio rubber hub



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- Obtain or create, barely
- *Russia/Ukraine "apple of discord"
- Cattle control, pl.
- "That is to say"
- Suffering from gastric distress
- *It caused a scare globally in 2014
- Kobe, e.g.
- Sad song
- Off-color
- The Phantom ____, Mickey Mouse's nemesis
- a.k.a. honey badger
- White liturgical neckwear
- *2014 Olympic site
- Been in bed
- *Infamous terrorist group
- Type of monument
- Jane's mate
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Type of sticker, pl.
- *Washington Nationals gave away a Jayson Werth garden ____
- Ohio rubber hub
- Olden-day temple
- ____ for the picking
- Elevator inventor
- Come together
- *Hope ____ set U.S. soccer record for career shutouts
- Norse capital
- Egg holder
- Cause friction
- Bond movie "Live and Let ____"

Answers to 12-18-14 puzzle.





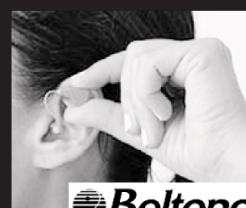
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Poll (KHIP) Results

More than three quarters of Kentucky adults, 77%, know about kynect, the state's online health insurance marketplace. However, only 17% of uninsured Kentucky adults report they have tried to get more information about kynect. Those are some of the highlights in the latest Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP) released Monday, December 29, 2014.

"The Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP) provides a snapshot of Kentuckians' views on various health-related topics," said Susan Zepeda, President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy

Kentucky. "This independent source of data helps inform Kentucky leaders' health policy decisions."

KHIP highlights include:

- 7 in 10 (70%) uninsured Kentucky adults said they have heard something about kynect.
- About 1 in 6 (17%) uninsured adults sought more information about kynect.
- Nearly 1 in 5 (19%) adults living at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) reported seeking more information about kynect.

Kentucky launched kynect on October 1, 2013. Since then, the state reports more than 521,000 Kentuckians have enrolled in health insurance coverage via kynect. Open enrollment in

kynect is currently underway through February 15, 2015.

KHIP was funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health, formerly the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The poll was conducted October 8, 2014—November 6, 2014, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,597 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone, including landlines and cell phones. The poll has a margin of error of ±2.5%.

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City of Augusta, KY Audited Financial Statement

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mayor and City Council
City of Augusta
Augusta, Kentucky 41002

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Augusta, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the City of Augusta, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3–8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 12, 2014, on our consideration of the City of Augusta, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Augusta, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Donna J. Hendrix, CPA

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Morehead, Kentucky

December 12, 2014

Full Audit is Available
for Viewing at the City Office.

CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	309,803	302,457	(7,346)
Licenses and Permits	143,249	167,204	23,955
Fines and Forfeits	400	312	(89)
Intergovernmental Revenue	44,100	62,037	17,937
Charges for Services	432,448	411,641	(20,807)
Kentucky Grant-Clopay	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	88,328	87,215	(1,113)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,018,328	1,030,866	12,538
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General Government	282,191	384,371	(102,180)
Police	161,188	196,303	(35,115)
Fire	28,002	14,746	13,255
Recreation and Park	84,454	111,252	(26,799)
Streets	20,602	52,191	(31,589)
Sanitation	331,000	371,964	(40,964)
Tourism	51,243	69,784	(18,541)
Capital Outlay	51,000	12,715	38,285
Debt Service	8,648	8,253	395
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,018,328	1,221,579	(203,252)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(190,714)	(190,714)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out) - Proprietary Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	-	(190,714)	(190,714)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2013	21,277	(195,926)	217,203
Prior Period Adjustment		-	-
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2014	21,277	(386,640)	407,917

CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
SPECIAL REVENUE (CDBG) FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeits	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	-
Charges for Service	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
General Government	-	-	-
Police	-	-	-
Fire	-	-	-
Recreation	-	-	-
Streets	-	-	-
Sanitation	-	-	-
Tourism	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	-
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out) - Proprietary Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2013	37,292	23,226	(14,066)
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2014	\$ 37,292	\$ 23,226	\$ (14,067)



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If you have any questions or concerns, please call 735-2952.

Rae Jean Poe
Bracken County Clerk
1-1-c

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform the residents of the Brooksville, Kentucky that the City of Brooksville, is in the process of closing out the Brooksville Water Line Project. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at the City Building of Brooksville, on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to the following:

Name: Craig Hester
Office: Mayor
Address: City Building
PO Box 216
Brooksville, KY 41004

Phone Number: 606-735-2501
TDD Number: 1-800-648-6057
Hours: 8:00 – 4:30 Mon - Fri

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The 2014 County tax bills are now delinquent. If you did not receive your bill please contact the County Sheriff's Office. When mailing in your payment, please include your copy of the tax bill or put the bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The following are the collection dates:
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IMPORTANT NOTE: All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on April 15, 2015. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's fee, a 10% County Clerk's fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party and subject to substantial additional penalties and fees in the summer of 2015, if not paid to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon. Closed Sundays and all Federal holidays. Office will be closed Mon., Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Payments accepted by Cash, Check, or Credit Card.

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A Legislative Perspective on the Kentucky
General Assembly
State Rep. Mike Denham



Although there is no doubt that we still have a long way to go to recover fully from the national recession that began seven years ago, there have been some encouraging signs in recent days.

Early last week, for example, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that the economy grew by five percent between July and September, the fastest quarterly uptick in a decade.

A day earlier, meanwhile, the Gallup Poll said that 36 percent of Americans believe now is a good time to find what the poll calls a "quality job." That may seem low, but it is the best we have seen since November 2007, and is far above the eight percent rate the poll showed just two years ago.

Gallup added that there is more optimism among younger adults than those over 50, but there is little difference between those with and without a college degree, indicating new-job prospects are broad-based.

One area where Kentucky has outpaced most states is the decline in unemployment. November's seasonally adjusted rate of six percent was 2.1 points lower than it was a year earlier, making it the steepest drop we have seen in more than three decades. Only five states have had more success in this area over the past year, but one concern economists have is that part of our lower rate is due to people dropping out of the workforce, something we need to reverse.

The good news is that the decline in unemployment is not isolated in certain areas of the state. In fact, the

unemployment rate was lower in all 120 counties in August, September and October when compared to the same three months in 2013, and we missed a statewide sweep by just one county in November. It is worth noting that this 120-county decline had never occurred prior to this summer.

The Buffalo Trace region, which is comprised of Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason and Robertson counties, has experienced a bigger drop than the state as a whole, with our unemployment rate going down almost three percentage points between Nov. 2013 and Nov. 2014. Only one of the other 11 area development districts did better and another tied with our decline.

According to a federal survey of business establishments that excludes agriculture and the self-employed, Kentucky has added almost 39,000 jobs over the past year.

That includes almost 11,000 new jobs in the professional and business-services sector, companies that help other companies; 5,300 new jobs in healthcare; and 2,700 new jobs in manufacturing. The construction

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Pictured left to right, front Row: Freshman Court Representative Violet Hiles, Junior Class Candidates for Princess - Samantha Kennard, Brenna Wilson, and Sophomore Court Representative Renae Jett. Row 2: Freshman Court Representative Rhys Todd, Junior Candidates for Prince - Connor Maddox, Camryn Snapp, and Sophomore Court Representative Jack Laycock. Row 3: Senior Candidates for Queen - Jerica Kelsch, Paige McCord and Olivia Rolph. Row 4: Senior Candidates for King - Nathan Shrader, Nick Zeidler and David Tucker.

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The 2015 Augusta Independent Schools Homecoming ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, between the Augusta Panthers Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball games against Ludlow.

The 2015 Court Representatives are as follows: Freshman Class Representatives - Violet Hiles and Rhys Todd; Sophomore Class Representatives - Renae Jett and Jack Laycock; Junior Class Candidates for Prince and Princess: Connor Maddox, Camryn Snapp, Samantha Kennard and Brenna Wilson; and Senior Class Candidates for King and Queen: Nathan Shrader, David Tucker, Nick Zeidler, Jerica Kelsch, Paige McCord, and Olivia Rolph.

industry, unfortunately, is still facing tough times. Although it added nearly 1,000 jobs from October to November, its workforce is still

below where it was a year ago. In our area, Green Tokai, Mitsubishi, and Ridley have all announced expansions. Also, Federal Mogul has reversed its decision to close its Maysville plant and develop a new strategy for that plant.

In related unemployment news, Gov. Beshear announced in late November that our employers would not have to pay an additional \$112 million tied to a nearly \$1 billion federal loan Kentucky borrowed in 2009 to cover unemployment payments during the recession.

Under a legislative plan adopted in 2012, our businesses have whittled this loan down to less than \$340 million, putting us well ahead of the scheduled pay-back.

Not all states have been as fortunate. Ohio, for one, still owes \$1.38 billion, and its businesses will have to pay an extra \$84 per employee in 2015.

Overall, 2014 has turned out to be one of the better years Kentucky's businesses have seen in a long time. In addition to the job gains, they're exporting nearly 10 percent more than last year's record \$25 billion; new-business start-ups are out-pacing nearly every other state; and Site Selection magazine - a trade publication that monitors industrial growth - recently put Kentucky eighth in business climate.

As we ready for 2015, the General Assembly will continue looking for ways to help our businesses build on these accomplishments while making sure they reach all areas of the state. We cannot afford to leave any region behind.

If you have any thoughts on how we can do this, please let me know. You can write to me at Room 329E, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort KY 40601; or you can email me at Mitchel.Denham@lrc.ky.gov.

To leave a message for me or for any legislator, call toll-free at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

I hope to hear from you soon, and I hope you have a Happy New Year.

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